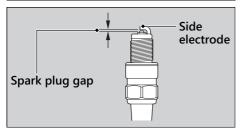
## Spark Plug ► Checking Spark Plug

- **6.** Check the spark plug gap using a wiretype feeler gauge.
  - ► If adjustment is necessary, bend the side electrode carefully.

## The gap should be:

0.031 - 0.035 in (0.80 - 0.90 mm)



- **7.** Make sure the plug washer is in good condition.
- **8.** Install the spark plug. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.

- **9.** Tighten the spark plug:
  - If the old plug is good:
    1/8 turn after it seats.
  - If installing a new plug, tighten it twice to prevent loosening:
    - a) First, tighten the plug:1/2 turn after it seats.
    - b) Then loosen the plug.
    - c) Next, tighten the plug again: 1/8 turn after it seats.

## NOTICE

An improperly tightened spark plug can damage the engine. If a plug is too loose, a piston may be damaged. If a plug is too tight, the threads may be damaged.

- **10.** Install the parts in the reverse order of removal.
  - When reinstalling the spark plug cap, take care to avoid pinching any cables or wires.